

### REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1, 4, 7, 8, 14 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Mocivnik et al. Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 9-13, 16 and 17 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any interviewing claims.

There exist several differences between the present invention and the Mocivnik '957 patent. The jacket tube, according to the '957 patent, has a grid-like or wire netting-like structure, whereas according to the present invention, the jacket tube comprises one longitudinal slot assuring an appropriate anchorage by the at least partial abutment on the wall of the drill hole during the drilling procedure. Even in cases that, according to the '957 patent, the grid-like structure might show some holes extending in a longitudinal direction or having a longitudinal dimension, such grid-like structure cannot be compared with a single longitudinal slot according to the present invention.

Moreover, the jacket tube according to the '957 patent is not at all in abutment on the drill hole during the drilling procedure as can be clearly taken from Fig. 1 of this patent which shows that the outer diameter of the drill bit is larger than the outer diameter of the jacket tube and that there remains an annular

space between the outside of the jacket tube 6 and the inner wall of the bore hole 2 according to the '957 patent.

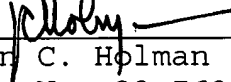
In addition, allowable claims 2, 5, 9, 11, 12, 16 and 17 have been placed in independent form.

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims in the present application, as they now stand, patentably distinguish over the references cited and applied by the Examiner and are, therefore, in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is in order, and such favorable action and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

However, if after reviewing the above amendments and remarks, the Examiner has any questions or comments, he is cordially invited to contact the undersigned attorneys.

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